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WASHINGTON, November 14, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 9 totaled 325,766, down 3.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and down 0.5 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 4.9 percent in the East and down 1.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 2,364 cars (15.2 percent), loadings of coal fell by 7,432 cars (5.4 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings decreased 2,948 cars (18.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 45 weeks of 1991 totaled 14,481,636, a decline of 5.1 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 131,858 trailers and containers for the week ended November 9, up 3.0 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of 1991 was 5,393,885 trailers and containers, 0.1 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 9 totaled 20.4 billion, down 1.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 885.0 billion ton-miles, down 1.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,387	28,210	-2.9 %	24,913	9.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,930	2,180	-11.5	2,107	-8.4
Metallic Ores	14,251	13,692	4.1	13,086	8.9
Coal	128,936	136,368	-5.4	128,045	.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,758	15,706	-18.8	13,229	-3.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,491	9,472	-20.9	8,842	-15.3
Grain Mill Products	9,742	9,821	-.8	9,844	-1.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,073	9,233	-1.7	9,016	.6
Primary Forest Products	9,132	9,494	-3.8	9,122	.1
Lumber & Wood Products	5,034	5,015	.4	5,839	-13.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,594	9,923	-3.3	9,867	-2.8
Chemicals	28,018	27,318	2.6	28,015	.0
Petroleum Products	5,453	5,201	4.8	5,116	6.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,634	9,940	-13.1	8,911	-3.1
Coke	5,533	5,085	8.8	5,843	-5.3
Metals & Products	9,900	10,185	-2.8	10,365	-4.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,866	15,502	15.2	18,949	-5.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,399	8,720	-3.7	8,676	-3.2
All Other Carloads	6,635	6,150	7.9	7,515	-11.7
Total	325,766	337,215	-3.4 %	327,300	-.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991			CUMULATIVE: 45 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991		
	1991	1990	CHANGE	1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	325,766	337,215	-3.4 %	14,481,636	15,260,393	-5.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,346	70,724	-4.8	2,772,256	3,002,362	-7.7
Containers	64,512	57,329	12.5	2,621,629	2,386,760	9.8
Total	131,858	128,053	3.0	5,393,885	5,389,122	.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.4	20.7	-1.4 %	885.0	901.7	-1.9 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 45, 1991 - CR & RFP.
Soo Line intermodal figures for weeks 1-43 were revised.

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